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FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS FONMIN DENNIS PLANS TO MAKE AT
SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL:

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MR. SECREATRY:

ON BEHALF OF THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
WE WELCOME YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY TO LIBERIA.

YOU HAVE COME TO AFRICA AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN
THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TOTAL
LIBERATION OF THIS CONTINENT FROM COLONIALISM,
APARTHEID, RACIST MINORITY RULE AND ALL FORMS OF
OPPRESSION. YOU HAVE COME WHEN THE PEOPLES OF
AFRICA, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, ARE DETERMINED TO
ACHIEVE ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS
OF A SELF-FULFILLING LIFE.

AS WE HAVE ALREADY OBSERVED FROM YOUR VISITS
TO KENYA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND ZAIRE AND THE
STATEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE IN THOSE COUNTRIES, IT WOULD
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APPEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENDEAVORING TO SEIZE

THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RELATE IN A MORE POSITIVE WAY TO
THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES.

WE COMMEND YOU, MR. SECRETARY, FOR THE FAR-
REACHING STATEMENT YOU MADE IN LUSAKA WHEN YOU OUT-
LINED VERY EXTENSIVELY THE THRUST OF THE UNITED STATES
POLICY IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA. WE ARE
PARTICULARLY HEARTENED BY YOUR REMARKS REGARDING THE
UNITED STATES POSITION ON MAJORITY RULE AND POLITICAL
INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. WE JOIN YOU IN EXPRESSING
THE HOPE THAT ALL FORCES FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND
PROGRESS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THESE
LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.

IF, WHEN YOUR VISIT TO AFRICA SHALL HAVE ENDED,
AND AN OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT MADE, IT CAN BE CONCLUDED
THAT YOU DID SUCCEED IN BUILDING BRIDGES OF GREATER
UNDERSTANDING - GENERATING MORE GENUINE CONCERN AND
INTENSIVE SYMPATHY ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES FOR AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS, LEADING TO A
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INTERACTION BETWEEN THE GREAT
IDEALS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AND THOSE OF AN AFRICA
IN THE PROCESS OF REJUNENATION - THEN YOU WOULD HAVE
MADE MEANINGFUL STRIDES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF UNDER-
STANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA.

WE IN LIBERIA ARE PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO WELCOME
YOU ON OUR SOIL. AND THIS IS SO BECAUSE OF THE
SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH HISTORY
HAS ORDAINED FOR THE LIBERIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

WE SHOULD NOT LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
TOWARDS ADDING NEWER DIMENSIONS TO THE SPECIAL
RELATIONSHIP WHICH INDEED EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND YOUR BRIEF STAY WITH US
MOST ENJOYABLE, FRUITFUL AND REWARDING.

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